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Today is a day for learning.
Let's learn about telephones.
Many people have them.
They have phones in their homes.

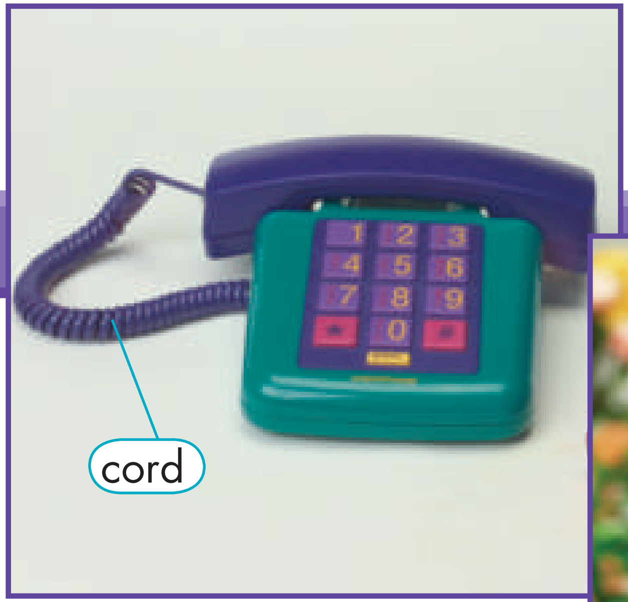
Listen to this! A telephone rings!



A phone has a little place to talk.
It has another place you can hear.
A person who calls
will want to talk.
You hold the phone next to your ear.









It may be Grandma.
She sounds so near!
You hear Grandma through the phone line, but you know she is not here.

This telephone has a cord.
The cord can be big or small.
The cord helps your sister hear your voice—if she is the person you call.





When a telephone does not have a cord, it is called a cordless phone.
You can pick it up in one room and talk from another room in your home.

When someone is talking on the phone, this is what you can do.
Be polite!
Do not make noise.
He can do the same for you.



Telephones help us talk
to people here and there,
in the house next door,
or across the street,
and in countries everywhere!

Who talks to you on the phone?

Talk About It

1. Tell about someone you talk to on the phone.
2. How do telephones help people?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, draw a picture of a telephone. Write about how to use it.

Extend Language

People use words like **hello** and **good-bye** when they talk on phones. When do they say hello? When do they say good-bye? What are other words that people use on the phone?

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